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him, as well as the Governor, and who has been with the army since its entrance within the limits of the State, knows the sentiments of the army, the State, the people, and the difficulties which it has to encounter in making its way into Newbern—all of which the Governor knows only by hearsay, wrote his Excellency a letter, for which he was forthwith ordered to leave the State. The correspondence is as follows:

NEWBERN, N. C., May 30, 1862.

Gov. STANLEY—Dear Sir: I wish you to believe me when I tell you that what I say to you today is said in a spirit of love and kindness. They are only the words of one man, a son of the State, who heartily desires to become again a permanent citizen.

I enlisted in the service a private soldier for the purpose of fighting down the slaveholders' rebellion, and was mustered out of said service on Feb. 1st last, on my own application, to join this division of the army, in either a military or civil capacity, in the hope that I might be more useful in my native State than elsewhere.

This course was by no means impolitic. I have awaited your arrival with no little impatience, under the expectation that a new era was to be inaugurated by your administration, which would favor my long-cherished hopes of settling on my native soil, and becoming useful.

Without any means of knowing the policy to be adopted by you upon your arrival, the recent acts of the General Government have led me to expect that you might try the effect of an earnest appeal to the people to listen to the gracious offer of the President in his late proclamation, and seek deliverance from the shackles of slavery, which weighs so heavily upon its industry—an appeal which, backed by the high reputation you have enjoyed in the State for moderation and patriotism, could hardly fail to make an impression upon the people, even in the midst of the wild terrors of war. It has occurred to me, that while you, possibly, thus held out the olive branch to the few large slave-owners in the State, whose interests or convenience might temporarily suffer by the change, I might possibly make myself useful among the larger, and more numerous, class of the people, who have a direct interest in perpetuating the system, and who have a reason to believe, were brought by judicious management, soon to acquiesce in the paternal policy of the President. Thus much I will reveal to you of my feelings and hopes.

I have had no good opportunity since you came to learn what course you propose to pursue, but your first act, closing the schools which have been established for the instruction of the negroes, has seemed to me to point in quite another direction from that which I had supposed you might pursue. It strikes me that this is a bad beginning, whether viewed as a stroke of policy or of justice, and my object in this communication is to respectfully inquire—presuming it not to be improper for me to do so, since you observed that you would be glad to hear any suggestions I might offer—whether the course indicated by this first act is to be the line of policy to which you adhere. If so, I shall need no further light, and will adopt as soon as practicable to leave the State, satisfied as I am that I can render the State no service so acceptable to you and them.

I am, Governor,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. H. HELPER.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARCHAL,

NEWBERN, N. C., May 31, 1862.

H. H. HELPER, Esq., Sir: I am instructed by his Excellency, the Military Governor of the State of North Carolina, to inform you that he requires you to leave this Department in the first vessel going North.

Capt. C. G. Loring, Jr., A. Q. M., will furnish you with the necessary order for transportation.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

DAN. MESSENGER, Provost Marchal.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA,

NEWBERN, N. C., May 31, 1862.

Sir: Mr. H. H. Helper will be furnished by you, with transportation on board the first steamer which goes to New-York.

EDW. STANLEY,

Military Governor of North Carolina.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

From Our Special Correspondent.

FORTRESS MONROE, June 2, 1862.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF COMMANDERS. The change in the command of this department, which has been announced to the public by the telegraph, took place to-day. Gen. Dix arrived in the morning boat from Baltimore, and immediately published the following order:

HEADQUARTERS, FORTRESS MONROE, Va., June 2, 1862. GENERAL ORDERS, No. 13.—Pursuant to orders from the War Department the undersigned assumes command of this Department.

All orders now in force will be obeyed until otherwise directed. JOHN A. DIX, Major-General.

The following order by General Wool was thereupon issued:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, FORT MONROE, Va., June 2, 1862. GENERAL ORDERS, No. 13.—The Department of Virginia having been assigned to Major-General John A. Dix, and the latter having arrived to assume command, Major-General John A. Dix is hereby ordered to leave this Department.

By command of Major-General Wool, J. A. DIX, Major-General.

In prosecuting the campaign on the Peninsula, it having been highly important to add this Department to that now commanded by Gen. McClellan, and that the change might not raise either a question of rank or propriety, Gen. Wool was withdrawn to Baltimore, and Gen. Dix assigned to the command of Fort Monroe, which, it is presumed, will embrace Norfolk and everything within our lines on that side of the Roads. This change has been effected with the best of feeling of all concerned, and will at once expand the command of Gen. McClellan over the wide extent of country which is the theater of his present operations, or is likely to become so by the shifting scenes of the grand campaign he is prosecuting. Gen. Dix is an officer of much military experience, but it is his administrative abilities, particularly distinguished his selection for this post, hardly ever so important as now, for its peculiar fitness.

Gen. Wool will leave for Baltimore to-morrow evening.

MOVEMENT OF GUNBOATS.

The gunboats Southfield and Delaware, from Hatteras, reached here this morning, to be followed by the Stars and Stripes, Barnes, and Mow. These boats are part of the fleet which accompanied Flag-Officer Goldsborough to Roanoke in January last, and which have rendered such important service, first under the Flag-Officer, and subsequently under Captain Rowan, in conjunction with General Burnside. The gunboats have been given a description of guns, and the crews are now thoroughly drilled. The fleet in the James River will be increased by the addition of these boats, which will proceed to the head waters of that stream at once. They will prove very valuable re-enforcements to the flotilla now there, and no doubt play an important part in the campaign against Richmond.

RECONNOISSANCE OF THE APPOMATTOX.

It is understood that the recent gunboat reconnaissance toward Petersburg was attended with important results, by securing a position at once important to us and unexpected by the enemy. The presence of the boats in that quarter is known to have contributed not a little to the demoralization and excitement before existing in and around Richmond. It was unquestionably an important flank movement.

NEW USE OF THE TELEGRAPH ON THE FIELD.

The use which Gen. McClellan is making of the telegraph, by combining it with the balloon, is unquestionably something as important in the art of war, as yesterday a balloon ascended 15,000 feet, nearly perpendicular over the enemy, whose operations could be observed with entire distinctness. As their columns moved, deployed, advanced, or fell back, notice was instantly telegraphed to Gen. McClellan, who was at the end of the wire that connected him with the operator and observer in the balloon. In a country like that in which our troops are operating—where wood and cut up as to obscure most of the enemy's movements from observation, unless from an elevated standpoint—this combination of the telegraph and balloon is of the highest practical importance.

THE PRIVATEERSMEN.

The steamer Massachusetts, with nearly 100 privateersmen, left as bearer of flag of truce under Capt. Milward, for City Point, James River, this morning. There would seem to be no other doubt whether the Rebels can longer detain Col. Corcoran

and other officers detained as hostages for the privateersmen in our hands, unless, indeed, they repudiate the agreement entered into for the exchange.

COL. CORCORAN AND OTHERS.

We, therefore, expect to see Col. Corcoran and his associates again; and considering that the last obstacle would appear to have been removed, it is not improbable that they will be joined to their friends before this goes into print. Gen. Huger having arranged with Gen. Wool for their surrender as soon as the privateers are produced, it is presumed that the Massachusetts will return within the next twenty-four hours, with the hostages and all but martyrs.

FULL HOSPITALS.

Dr. Cuyler was telegraphed yesterday by the Medical Director at the White House, to know how many men could be accommodated at the hospital, and as a consequence, between 200 and 300 patients are expected to arrive to-morrow, who, with those already on hand, will crowd our hospitals. The recent engagements near Richmond will make large drafts on the hospitals, and the large number of the Rebels, who have been taken in the Northern campaign, and the advance guard, as it were, from the mangy fields and sickly swamps of the Peninsula.

BLOWING UP BATTERIES.

At times to-day one might have mistaken the explosion incident to blowing up the batteries on Croney Island, Pig Point, and other places just vacated by the Rebels, for a heavy artillery engagement. The work of destroying these formidable works is nearly complete, and it will not be many days before the terrible and horrible and horrible will be the only monuments of the Rebel defense.

THE POLICY OF SILENCE.

At no previous time has the Government adhered so closely to the policy of silence touching certain important movements in the field as for the last week. The value of such a policy the Rebels have shown us. The withdrawal of a large army from Corinth, without a sign to indicate where it is gone, is a remarkable illustration how well secrecy may be observed. It is not to be disguised that there is a kind of apprehension and anxiety arising in our own minds on the same account, lest, before we are aware of it, an overwhelming concentration of troops should be made where we least expected or desired.

FROM NORFOLK.

From Our Special Correspondent.

A NEW COMMANDER.

NORFOLK, June 2, 1862.

The relieving of Gen. Wool by Gen. Dix in this Department, has created considerable satisfaction with those who conclude hence that we, as a city, with changed fortunes, will soon experience the benefits of a new policy.

A NEW POLICY.

In the opening of the port to unrestricted trade with the rest of the world. Whether this is a legitimate conclusion or not I am unable to say. There are those, however, who hold that the change of commanders was with direct reference to a change of policy, the Government having adopted this method to bring it about. Gen. Dix's well-known practical views as a soldier and statesman cause him to be regarded with great confidence by this community. And for this and a variety of reasons, I am persuaded that the Government, since a change was resolved on, a wise selection has been made for Gen. Wool's successor.

UNION DEMONSTRATIONS.—THE HON. MR. SEGAR SPEAKS.

A most gratifying thought rather unexpected, manifestation of Union sentiment, turned up on Saturday last in Portsmouth, and afterward in this city. It seems that the Hon. Joseph Segar, being expected in the city on a visit to his relatives, from whom the rebellion had separated him for more than a twelve-month, was waited on at the wharf immediately on his arrival, and urged to go over to Portsmouth and address the Union people, and not only to do so, but to give them a lecture on what he had heard, there were no Union men there to address. It was replied that he would find them there by hundreds, whereupon he declared he was willing to go and speak to them the day out. On arriving at the Portsmouth wharf he was conducted to an immense warehouse in the vicinity, which was literally crisscrossed with holding not less than 1,000 Rebels. Some estimated the second at 1,500. Mr. Segar being introduced, talked to the people in a plain way, so that all could understand. 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